

IN THE CLAIMS

1-23 (canceled)

24. (currently amended) A method for transporting a sheet, comprising **the following steps:**

moving the sheet in a first direction by applying a first carrier which is movable in the first direction and which is capable of retaining the sheet by means of a surface force, wherein a retainer area of the sheet is retained by the first carrier and a conveyance area of the sheet projects with respect to the first carrier;

conveying the sheet from the first carrier to a second carrier which is movable in a second direction and which is capable of retaining the sheet by means of a surface force, wherein the sheet is put in a conveyance position by the first carrier, in which position the complete conveyance area overlaps the second carrier; and

moving the sheet in the second direction by applying the second carrier;

wherein, continuously during the movement of the sheet in the first direction through to the conveyance position, guidance of a guidance area of the sheet, which comprises at least a portion of the conveyance area of the sheet, takes place by applying guiding means, which guidance is cancelled only when the sheet has reached the conveyance position.

25. (previously presented) A method according to claim 24, wherein the guiding means are capable of retaining the guidance area of the sheet by means of a surface force.

26. (previously presented) A method according to claim 24, wherein the guiding means are adapted to guaranteeing that the guidance area of the sheet and the retainer area of the sheet extend at a substantially equal level.

27. (previously presented) A method according to claim 24, wherein the guiding means are movable in the first direction.

28. (previously presented) A method according to claim 27, wherein, during the time that guidance of the guidance area of the sheet takes place, a speed at which the guiding means are moved is substantially equal to a speed at which the first carrier is moved.

29. (previously presented) A method according to claim 27, wherein the cancellation of the guidance of the guidance area of the sheet takes place by realizing a speed difference of the guiding means and the first carrier.

30. (previously presented) A method according to claim 24, wherein the guidance area comprises a portion of the conveyance area of the sheet, which is a front portion in said direction.

31. (currently amended) A device for ~~carrying out a method according to claim 24,~~
transporting a sheet comprising:

a movable first carrier which is adapted to moving sheets in a first direction and retaining sheets by means of a surface force;

a movable second carrier which is adapted to moving sheets in a second direction and retaining sheets by means of surface force, wherein the first carrier and the second carrier adjoin each other in a close-fitting fashion at the location of a conveyance region; and

guiding means for guiding a portion of sheets which are retained by the first carrier, as far as in the conveyance region.

32. (previously presented) A device according to claim 31, wherein the guiding means are adapted to retaining sheets by means of a surface force.

33. (previously presented) A device according to claim 31, wherein contacting areas of the first carrier and contacting areas of the guiding means, which are adapted to contacting the sheets, are located on a substantially equal level.

34. (previously presented) A device according to claim 31, wherein the guiding means are movable in the first direction.

35. (previously presented) A device according to claim 34, wherein the guiding means comprise an endless conveyor belt.

36. (previously presented) A device according to claim 35, wherein the conveyor belt comprises at least two different types of areas, wherein at the location of one type of area a dimension of the conveyor belt in a transverse direction is different than at the location of another type of area.

37. (previously presented) A device according to claim 31, further comprising a frame for receiving a reel having a web which is destined to receive the sheets and to be connected to the sheets; and a gluing device for applying glue to the web.

38-44. (canceled)

45. (withdrawn) A method for transporting a sheet, comprising the following steps:

moving the sheet in a first direction by applying a first carrier which is movable in the first direction and which is capable of retaining the sheet by means of a surface force;

conveying the sheet from the first carrier to a web, wherein said web is supported by a second carrier which is movable in a second direction and which is capable of retaining the web by means of a surface force; and

moving the sheet in the second direction by applying the second carrier, while the sheet is supported by the web;

wherein, during the movement of the sheet in the second direction, the web is activated to retain the sheet by means of a surface force.

46. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 45, wherein the web and the sheet are moved along a guiding device according to claim 39; and wherein the web and the sheet are fixedly connected to each other at a position beyond the guiding device.